

House File 2248 - Introduced

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BY BACON

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the speed limit on the interstate road
2 system.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed
4 limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled-access,
5 divided, multilaned highways is sixty-five miles per hour.
6 However, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic on highways
7 that are part of the interstate road system, as defined in
8 section 306.3, is seventy miles per hour, except the department
9 may establish a speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour on
10 highways that are part of the interstate road system on the
11 department's own motion or in response to a recommendation
12 of a metropolitan or regional planning commission or council
13 of governments. The department may establish a speed limit
14 of sixty-five miles per hour on certain divided, multilaned
15 highways not otherwise described in this paragraph.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 Under current law, the speed limit on interstate highways
20 is 70 miles per hour. This bill allows the department of
21 transportation (DOT) to establish a speed limit of 75 miles
22 per hour on interstate highways on the DOT's own motion or in
23 response to a recommendation of a metropolitan or regional
24 planning commission or council of governments.